GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5900
ANSWERED ON:31.08.2001
LAXITY ON NEPAL EVENTS
DINESH CHANDRA YADAV;RAMCHANDRA PASWAN

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the failure of Doordarshan in promptlyreporting the tragic turning of events in Nepal on the assassination of the King of Nepal;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been made by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action has been taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Prasar Bharati have intimated that there was no failure on the part of Doordarshan inpromptly reporting on the assassination of the King of Nepal.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Prasar Bharati have intimated that the first news item of the assassination of the Kingof Nepal was available at around 3.45 AM on 2nd June, 2001. After confirming the news from the AIR (Kathmandu) Correspondent, it was scrolled on the News Channel at around 0600 hrs. The news was the lead headline in the first bulletin in the morning at 0700 hrs.

(d): Does not arise